

**04-607 LABORATORY CORP. OF AMERICA HOLDINGS V. METABOLITE  
LABORATORIES, INC., ET AL.**

DECISION BELOW: 370 F.3d 1354 (Fed. Cir. 2004)

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 03-1120

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. ~~Whether liability can be imposed for willfully inducing patent infringement under 35 V.S.C. § 271(b) based solely on evidence that a party has disseminated a basic scientific fact to others.~~
2. ~~Whether an express limitation in a patent claim can be ignored so as to allow the patent to cover the exact opposite of what was claimed.~~
3. Whether a method patent setting forth an indefinite, undescribed, and non-enabling step directing a party simply to "correlat[e]" test results can validly claim a monopoly over a basic scientific relationship used in medical treatment such that any doctor necessarily infringes the patent merely by thinking about the relationship after looking at a test result.

Cert. Granted 10/31/05

Limited to Question 3 presented by the petition